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PROSPECTUS.

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A will give all interesting information that can be legitimately obtained concerning the · intentions and policies of the ruling power.

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NATIONAL THEATRE-"Sharps and Flats." FORD'S OPERA-HOUSE-"The Guv'nor." LINCOLN HALL-Kate Thayer Concert Company. THEATRE COMIQUE-"That Boy of Dan's"-Variety. WASHINGTON, D. C., JANUARY 1, 1881.

HAPPY New Year!

One copy one year.

One copy one month.

4,000 years-it is snowed in.

SITTING BULL should come in and take a seat by the fire, or else change his

Young man, this is a good occasion to be a gentleman. Hogs are abundant

THE oldest inhabitant is out this to state the plain facts in the case.

Is GENERAL MAHONE prepared to accept the situation if the Yankees often send down to Petersburg a temperature of 16°

Judging from Southern weather reports, the North must be moving down up North.

So WHITTAKER, the negro cadet, is to have a Is the game in this case worth the candle ?- New The rights of man, be he white or black,

are worth preserving, though it be "at a cost of much time and money."

JOHN KELLY is going forth on a lecturing tour. If he should happen to tell what he knows about the methods of the Democracy it will cause the Angel Gabriel to send in his resignation. He

depot. But the boy was safe.

THE REPUBLICAN respectfully submits to President Hayes that as regards any contemplated change in the personnel of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, or of any other prominent official of the District, that, as a new President is soon to be inaugurated, these local matters await the action of the new

fumes may be obviated entirely by having use by the people. He claims that it will give out just as much heat, and proposes panies to extract the gas, upon a fair basis of exchange. You take home your toal in a cart and your gas in a jug.

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN has no motive but fairness and truth in its reports of all controverted subjects. The report of Mr. Spofford's testimony before the sub-committee of the Committee on Agriculture appointed to investigate into the management of the public gardens in the city was made up from the stenographic note of the official reporter of that committee. If Mr. Spofford or Mr. Smith will | chased show wherein The Republican report differs from the official reporter's notes we will gladly make proper correction.

cause for self-congratulation at the close | we enter confidently upon our work. of the year 1880. There is no other people upon whom the sun of New Year's Day shines who have so much to be thankful for. While other nations are at

A Few Parting Words. when added to more than forty years forward to a happy New Year. of previous service in journalism under responsible and laporious positions, engendered a desire for retirement and

rest. Prompted by this consideration, he has disposed of his interest, and now relinquishes a profession to which he has pose and advance for the improvement of the been wedded during the best part of his life, and for which he feels a deep devotion and a high respect. However, the reasons which impel this change relate especially to his own interests and comfort, and he takes this step cheerfully, regarding it the part of duty to himself and his best interests under the circum-

The undersigned would remark en passant that, having borne an active part in twelve consecutive presidential campaigns, and finding the flag of his party covered with fresh victory, he leaves the arena of active journalism with feelings of profound satisfaction, in the 50 belief that so long as the Republican party and its principles are predominant in the Government the country is safe in all its material and political interests. We now seek this change, for, as Johnson has it, "such are the vicissitudes of the world, through all its parts, that day and night, labor and rest, hurry and retirement endear each other. Such are the changes that keep the mind in action. We desire, we pur-THE obelisk has a new sensation after sue, we obtain, we are satiated; we desire something else and begin a new pursuit." In retiring from editorial duty he does so under the consciousness that he principle of his political faith, or betrayed a ticket presented by his party under the counsels of expediency or the promptings of personal objection.

In his political action he has steadily weather, and has lost none of his ability and perseveringly confronted the Democratic party and its dogmas with the best | manship. That they realize the situation abilities imparted to him by his Creator, and through the best efforts those abilities have enabled him to put forth. The Whig banner was his insignia in battle until the people furled it and laid it carefully away among the things that were. The Republican party be-South. Or may be the South is moving came its successor as the natural enemy of the Democratic organization and its articles of faith. He enlisted court-martial, at a cost of much time and money. under the Republican flag and took up step to the music of its band. He has maintained that relation with a loyalty that has never faltered, and has given his will turn to her for safe and profitable inbest efforts here and elsewhere to the vestment, and her own people will feel Republican cause, believing that through its success alone can be secured the greatest good to the greatest number of the only hoped for. With such an example crop in sections where the drought has killed it out American people.

will give up humanity as a hopeless half a century of active political and partisan life and strife in the midst of heated AFTER meeting a dozen friends who contests and sharp controversies under a have been out West and have en- conflict of opinion, there had not been countered blizzards and other Western more or less asperity, unguarded expresenterprises, the Washingtonian is pre- sion, and severe criticism, tending to pared to do something in the way of wounds, and perhaps to alienations; but all and malice toward none."

the Navy. If General Garfield has really has attended his efforts, for he is greatly out in a naughty world. determined to continue no member of indebted to their aid and encouragement. President Hayes's Cabinet, statesmen He is not unmindful that the public have will beware how they take this portfolio been indulgent and charitable, all of an inexhaustible subject for the bucolic for the remaining few weeks of the pres- which challenges his gratitude. He press to exhaust their wit upon. And A SCIENTIFIC GENTLEMAN is authority for duty without a regret, and under talking about the inauguration and the costs being upon the debtor. the statement that the smoke nuisance a profound sense of obligation toward accommodations to be furnished by this which discolors buildings and super- those with whom he has been associated city, the mirthful sayings of our brethren And now, with a happy New Year to to sustain their integrity.

A. M. CLAPP. The New Management,

The New Year. revolution at the polls, and the result is memories. It is the good fortune of our are pleasant places to live in, and furnish within bounds, I should say there were at least accepted by all without resistance, if not land to have passed through a heated forth a table which, as a rule, is better as fourteen of them stretched out in the street at

All relations, save those of friend and the peace-giving blessings of Republican this city, it can be said, without any apreader, that have heretofore existed be- domination. Our credit is the best that is prehension of successful denial, that no reader, that have heretofore existed bedomination. Our credit is the best that is
tween the undersigned and The National
or ever has been, and we shall refund
Republican will close with this issue.

They seem to a sanitary regulations, it is
nor ever has been, and we shall refund
three-quarters of a billion of our debt at
three-quarters of a billion of our debt at Three and a quarter years ago he took three per cent, within the next six people meet there in intercourse that is charge of it as part proprietor and editor, months. We shall quietly inaugurate our pleasantly familiar and yet free. A social at a period when its vitality was at a low new President in March-God bless him- centre is thus formed which, removed stage and the industries of the whole and the nation will move on with majestic from formalism, yet gives the persons incountry were paralyzed by what is known strides at the head of all the rest, every terested an opportunity to be as social or as "hard times." Under such circum- community sharing in the general weal. reserved as they choose. And, as for the stances an attempt to resuscitate its Last year heard loud faction menacing the table, it is made up of the best the marvital energies and advance it to a Nation's existence in an effort to subjugate kets afford, cooked by an excellent cook, more propitious condition of prosperity national authority in national elections; and all under faithful supervision. For was necessarily attended with much ven- now we see the Democratic Congress, in such boarding-houses as those there ture, responsibility and effort. The strug- which the threats were made, preparing | should be nothing but praise. gle was undertaken, and the battle was to yield the sceptre to those of our infought successfully. The establishment, clining. What dark days may come beby dint of close application, incessant fore the New Year shall have lived out toil, and due economy, has been placed its days must give us pause. We know upon a fair paying basis. During that what we are, but we know not what we sey to the Senate. The Minneapolis period the responsibility and care as conshall be. But right cheerily comes the Evening Journal of December 25 takes a trolling proprietor and the labor as editor, opening, and, high with hope, let us look different view, as will be seen by the fol-

Tennessee. On Monday next the Legislature of Hawkins will be inagurated. Thus will has sixty-seven Republican scnators and members a Southern State pass under Republican rule for the first time since 1874; for, although three Southern States elected them ruled, their rightful titles having ments, set up by force and sustained by

The revival of Republican rule in Tennessee is one of the most significant events of the year, and its progress will be watched with eager interest by thoughtful men of all parties; and it is well for the party at large, as well as for the State, that in Governor Hawkins Tennessee will have an able and upright representative of the best phase of South- his family. ern Republicanism. He received at the late election the largest vote by thirty thousand that was ever cast for a Republican in the State. He drew to his support thousands of sterling men who had hitherto held aloof from the Republican

These, having become disgusted with the stupid reactionary legislation which has kept Tennessee in the rear rank of States, are now looking with hope to the future under a Republican administration. Should they be satisfied with the course pursued in the next two years, they will anchor the State securely and has never abandoned or compromised a permanently in the column of Republican States.

We look with hope to Tennessee. A great opportunity is before her Republican leaders. They have difficult questions of State policy to deal with, which | occasion will call for all their courage and statesand are ready to meet it we are assured. It is fortunate for them that they will

have no Federal complications to begin with. The administration of General Garfield is certain to be one which will week by the election of a Republican Sena-Legislature of Democratic antecedents every interest in the State will feel the impetus of a new life. She will attract to herself thousands of immigrants, capital that they have entered into a path which will lead them to a prosperity hitherto before them, confidence will return to the | for the two years past. It would be strange indeed if in all liberal element of other States and the these years, covering a period of nearly revival just begun in Tennessee will spread to her sister Southern States, and before another presidential election shall come the "solid South" will be as much a thing of the past as is a rebellious

Give! Give!

The responses at the meeting in aid of lying about the weather that has not never, under any circumstances, has the the poor last evening were noble, and been equaled since the days of Ananias writer intentionally violated the laws of will carry joy to many a starving housecourtesy, justice, and fairness in his pas- hold. It was a good beginning, worthy A Western Congressman, arriving in sages at arms with his opponents. He of the generous character of our people. the city Wednesday night, was accosted has invariably met them with that bold- Let it be fitly followed up with well or- Massachusetts. They sailed away and were not and facilities for irrigation collected before the by a gamin: "Carry your valise for you, ness of spirit which ever attends a ganized work and a steady stream of heard from until a few days ago, when it was disboss?" at the same time pointing to a pair sense of right and its faithful de- gifts. None must sit easily in lazy chairs their prize at Bergen, in Norway, for \$2,200. The of No. 13 "Arctics" which the gentleman fense, and has taught the lesson at home and neglect the groans of the Yankee owners fear that it will cost as much to get wore. The only reply was a kick that that "there are blows to give as well hungry and cold. Clothing for the ragged her as she is worth. just touched the edge of four yards of as blows to receive." In all these years, and shivering children of the unfortuwoolen comforter vanishing behind the however, he has never wittingly misrep- nate, good mothers of Washington. Hunt resented an adversary or the truth as he every corner of your house for what understood it, though he may have been | can be spared in this line. And | cision by the United States Supreme Court. The betrayed into errors of fact unintention- you men, get coal for some family ally, and been apparently guilty of that | you know of, where they have scant fire. which others may have counted as in- When you go to market or grocer's, order the Democrats of her two votes in the Senate. justice. It has been in his controversies a ham or some flour, or what you will, to his steady purpose to preserve a con- some empty cupboard. It is the highest science void of offense toward his fellow- duty of every one to do some kindly act men, and he now retires with "charity for | which shall relieve the suffering of some destitute human being. Blessed charity; The writer, in closing his editorial and it covers a multitude of sins. If every Now for a push for the vacancy in the business relations with The NATIONAL RE- sinner in town who has more than he Navy Department. The Attorney-Gen- PUBLICAN, desires to tender his grateful deserves will give something to some- already enormously taxed. eral says the President cannot continue acknowledgments to the people of Wash- body who needs it he will lighten his Secretary Ramsey as acting Secretary of ington for the measure of success that own load and his good deed will shine

A Much-Abused Institution. Washington boarding-houses furnish now retires from the field of active just at this time, when the public are which they have co-operated with him abused institutions and to point out in an effort to achieve success. His suc- some facts in this connection which will making The National Republican a jour- their advertising bills for a load of turnal worthy of the Capital of the Nation- nips or a basket of eggs that have failed

all friends, these parting words come to Boarding-houses differ in variety just as tant. This is a crayon in the possession of the in assuming control of The Republican, name, which has come to be unsavory. book-shop of the Blackwoods. The picture is very bears cheerful testimony to the able and faithful services to journalism of its re
Every one knows what a first-class, or powers of persuasion to ludner Mr. Blackwood to allow a photographic copy of it to be taken. The an anxious to learn whether there is any other transfer of my five babies, born September 18, 1889. I am anxious to learn whether there is any other transfer of my five babies, born September 18, 1889. I am anxious to learn whether there is any other transfer of my five babies, born September 18, 1889. I am anxious to learn whether there is any other transfer of my five babies, born September 18, 1889. I am anxious to learn whether there is any other transfer of my five babies, born September 18, 1889. I am anxious to learn whether there is any other transfer of my five babies, born September 18, 1889. I am anxious to learn whether there is any other transfer of my five babies, born September 18, 1889. I am anxious to learn whether there is any other transfer of my five babies, born September 18, 1889. I am anxious to learn whether there is any other transfer of my five babies, born September 18, 1889. I am anxious to learn whether there is any other transfer of my five babies, born September 18, 1889. I am anxious to learn whether the man anxious to bears cheerful testimony to the able and Every one knows what a first-class, or tiring editor, Hon. A. M. Clapp, whose when a boarding-house is mentioned most request was firmly refused. beinterest in the paper has just been pur- people give a sniff as if they smelled that George Eliot had always do not be have her The plans of the new proprietors are panoramic view of a plate of hash. This is in the civilized world who could afford it who was fully set forth in the prospectus printed because of the long-continued preju- never photographed. elsewhere in this issue. With an earnest dice that holds against the name. intention to make our paper a fire-side But the boarding-house of to-day, the hands of the English and French controllers of A GLANCE over the extended page of necessity to the people of Washington especially, is not what it finance-Mr. Colvin on the part of English credithe world gives the American public and our neighbors in adjoining States, may have been in a remote period of the Khedive and his ministers are allowed to play at THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PRINTING Co. or third rate establishments where the perform all the functions of a ruler and parlialandlady, struggling to make the small The old year was a good friend. It gave outlay for supplies and support the miser- rejoice in this new rule. The taxes are lighter, war or entangled in domestic broils, we us bounteous crops, busy factories and able existence of her family, is obliged to more evenly collected, and forced labor is done are at peace; while others are starving, furnaces, well-paid labor, immunity from reinforce the quality furnished, by assevwe have plenty; while still others pestilence, and freedom from foreign erations that are not strictly in the line of public buildings, &c. tremble with anxiety for fear their sys- wars. Domestic broils were not allowed truth; but we trust that few of our readers tems of government will be overthrown, to fester into rebellion, but gave way to know of these places by experience. The we have just come through the people's the inevitable, and are now but miserable better class of boarding-houses of the day revolution at the polls, and the result is memories. It is the good fortune of our are pleasant places to live in, and furnish

licans and unjust Democrats alike will fall the peace-giving blessings of Republican domination. Our credit is the best that is prehension of successful denial, that no prehension of successful denial, that no

The Minnesota Senatorship. In THE REPUBLICAN of yesterday we quoted from the Pioneer Press an article predicting the election of Secretary Ram-

lowing: Interviews with prominent Republicans through the State develops a strong Ramsey sentiment, but indicate, nevertheless, that McMillan is considera-Tennessee will meet and Governor bly ahead. It is claimed in St. Paul that McMillan

pledged to him, fifty-eight being enough to nominate in the cauens. We take this occasion to say that it is not the province of THE REPUBLICAN to Republican governors in 1876, none of attempt in any manner to interfere in the contests between senatorial aspirants in been subverted by revolutionary govern- the several States. The heading to the paragraph vesterday was an inadvertent departure from this rule.

PERSONALITIES.

THE mother of General O. O. Howard is seventy-six years old.

TRICKETT savs Hanlan is a bad eggbecause he can't be beat. THE Chandler house in this city is being prepared for the reception of Mr. Eugene Hale and

MRS. NELLIE GRANT-SARTORIS finds English country life rather dull, and longs for Wash-

Mrs. Jessie Fremont has organized classes in history among the grown-up sons and daughters of poor settlers in Arizona.

SENATOR BLAINE says that Hannibal Hamlin answers all the letters of his clients before he goes to bed, and that he never forgets an enemy JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE says that an

angel with both arms and wings is an anatomical absurdity. The Elmira Free Press thinks there is material here for two large volumes. John Russell Young, who was reported siek at the Astor House, New York, is out again, looking a little weak, it is true, but still looking as

though he had many years of active usefulness be-THE birthday of Robert E. Lee is to be celebrated at Charleston on January 19 by the Carolina Rifle Battalion. Colonel Hugh S. Thomp-

son, of Columbia, is to give an address upon the

GUSTAVE DORE is working every night, and sometimes almost all night, on his illustrations of Shakspeare's plays. Some of the drawings are said to be extraordinarily powerful. He thinks that "Coriolanus" is the poet's masterpiece.

Congressman Geddes, of Ohio, who was married to Mrs. Amelia B. Gass at Mansfield, in that State, last Tuesday, was married there in 1848 strengthen their hands. Should the good to his late wife on the same evening and at the work in Tennessee be consummated next | same place when and where his present bride was married to her late husband. The two survivors of that double wedding, after an interval of thirtytor by the aid of liberal members of the two years, were married by the elergyman who officiated at their previous ceremonies.

GENERAL NOTES.

-The decline in wheat at Chicago since the beginning of December has been seventeen cents per bushel; in corn, seven cents per bushel.

-The early snow has been a godsend to Western Kansas and Nebraska. It will give the grass an early start in the spring, and will insure a wheat

-The New York World seems to fear that the only outcome of the attempt to reorganize the city Democracy will be the creation of a new faction; that to Tammany and Irving Hall there will be added Cooper Institute-combinations to play a great game for offices and official plunder. -Several of our prominent Eastern Germans are

very indignant at the way the small poet Bodenstedt has been writing of America after his return. He was feasted in all the large cities by his countrymen, and now finds nothing to praise, but discovers in our large spittoons a fruitful theme for malicious criticism. -Last summer two Swedes were left in temporary charge of a fishing schooner off the coast of

covered that they had crossed the ocean and sold that some of the numerous suits about the State | suitable for the purpose to be found in the

debt of Virginia may bring up the question of the constitutionality of the division of Virginia for de-Virginian thinks in such a case there would be countries from which purchases are made by the as it has been his good fortune to meet."

French. Five years ago we stood sixth in the list. The figures are \$38,000,000 in 1875, against \$143,000,--There is in New York city a law providing for imprisonment for debt which will be generally will not be required, but the plantation is so le

regarded as worthy of being rigidly enforced and extended to other cities. It was passed two years perience shall demonstrate the necessity therefor ago at the instance of several clergymen to protect poor working girls. It applies only to the city of New York, and to women who work by the day of the successful production of full-flavored, marin any mechanical employment. Under it any ketable tea; and th's, it is thought, can be proone failing to pay wages to such may be arrested vided by the cultivation of the Scuppernong gameand imprisoned fifteen days for each offense, the vine, a native growth of much vigor and luxuri-

-A correspondent of the that California says | Commissioner Le Duc has abated not one jot or charges the atmosphere with unhealthy in editorial and business relation in the of the Press, with a capital P, reach their that of the nine millions of people who inhabit the States of Mexico, four millions are of mixed conduct of this enterprise. He fully recog- climax. It seems, therefore, a good time race. These occupy the larger centres of populathe coal one-third consumed before its nizes the ability and fidelity with to say a good word for these muchculture, and as servants. They constitute the real bone and since of the people, are segacious, acute, try. imitative, hospitable, and exceptionally honest, that it be turned over to the gas comwishes for their prosperity and success in scriptions in garden truck and settle lovers of that country look hopefully as agents in the advancement of the Mexican Republic.

-Kate Field writes to the New York Tribuas that there is but one portrait of George Eliot exindividuals do. Unlike hotels, they suf- work of an artist named Lawrence. The crayon Blackwoods, at Edinburgh, Scotland. It is the fer by being classed under one general now hangs over the fire-place in the venerable like the great original, and Miss Field used all her people give a sniff as if they smelled boiled cabbage or had an introspective firmly believes that George Eliot is the only woman fully,

-The government of Egypt is now practically in tors, M. De Blignieres on those of France. The Hazzard. past. There are, no doubt, some second administration, but the foreign controllers really ment. They fix taxes and collect them; fix salaries and pay them; run the rallways, post office. sum paid for accommodations cover the and telegraphs. The fellaheens or farmers of Egypt away with. Cairo has become almost a European city, with business blocks, banks, opera-house,

Dogs and Priests in Constantinople. I had heard a great deal of the numberless dogs rooming about the streets of Constanting in this instance it was not exaggerated. To speak with satisfaction. As a Nation we are political contest without serious disturbsuccessful, happy, and independent.

| As a Nation we are political contest without serious disturbnarrow, that when they stretch themselves out,
tail and all, it is almost impossible to pass along livered, the 14th of June, 1799, of five girls. The

tives that the city contains; and priests—why, to use a common expression, the whole woods are full of them, mostly Mohammedans and Greeks. I was told by a gentleman that there were not less than 60,000 priests in Constantinople. This may be an exaggeration, but it seems to me that every third man you meet is a priest.—Correspondent Baltimore American.

Drawbacks of Education. A young college student was visiting his grand-mother, and at the breakfast table he took an egg, and, holding it up, asked her if she knew the scientific way of obtaining the contents without break-

ing the shell.

She replied that she did not.

"Well," said he, "you take the spheroidal body in your sinister hand, and with a convenient diminutive pointed instrument, held in the dexter hand, puncture the apex; then in the same mannand, puncture the apex; then in the same mannand, puncture the apex; then in the same mannand.

ner make an orifice in the base, place either ex-tremity to your labials, and endeavor to draw in your breath; a vacuum is created, and the contents of the egg are discharged into your mouth."

"La!" said the old lady, "when I was a girl we used to make a pin-hole in each end and suck Daggett Heard From.

The Nevada City Chronicle prints the following grapevine dispatch:
"To Mr. Jack H—ll—n, Virginia City, Nev.: This makes me feel as if old Washoe days were come again. I put in two hours last night on the sand bag and practiced with my navy for an hour. That outek knee grip you perfed me on may save that quick knee grip you posted me on may save the nation. Congress is bristling with treason. I'll put a head on somebody before night. Tell Sharon to hurry along and bring his brass knuckles. Assure the boys that I'll keep my end up and take care of the State's reputation in the lower House.

"[Collect.] R. M. D—GG—TT."

A Brave Queen. Queen Margaret, of Italy, was walking the other day beside a road up which came three eques-trians. One of them, a lady, made a sudden turn trians. One of them, a lady, made a sudden turn to avoid the approaching royal carriage, and her horse stumbled and fell, dragging her from the saddle. The Queen herself, stepping forward, seized the horse's bridle and held the struggling animal until the lady extricated herself. The people were so delighted with Margaret's courage that when she appeared at the opera that night the whole audience rose and cheered her loudly.

What He Wanted. A gentleman went home the other night with a severe cold and said: "I have to-day been told to take hot teas—pennyroyal tea, barley tea, baked lemon tea, beef tea, curry tea, hop tea, celery tea, licorice tea, red-pepper tea, baked onion tea, mint tea, hay tea, baked apple tea, and burnt sugar tea." "Well," said the sympathizing wife, "which do you think you will take?" "If you have no objections," said he, "I think I will take the hot gin-

This is Nothing New. It is not generally credited, but it is nevertheless true, that General Grant has a charming social side to him. Those who find it (and they are mighty few) speak of the great captain as a most lovely companion, full of jokes, full of stories and queer comparisons, and of an affectionate disposition.—

A Study. If you want to study the immense variety of the human face in expression you should bend your gaze upon the mobile countenance of a deaf and dumb man when he reaches under the plank walk for a lost nickel and picks up a raw bumble-bee by the stem.—Barlington Hawkege.

Big Snakes. It is generally admitted that, as a political fakir, Dorsey was more accomplished than anybody in the Democratic camp. Mr. Barnum attempted to patronize Josh Hart's side show, but the snakes vere too big to handle.-Atlanta (Ga.) Constitu

The Reason Why. The Boston Post says: "If Fitz John Porter were not a Democrat, he would have been in the army these last eighteen years enjoying its largest honors." That is true, for if he had not have been a Democrat, he would not have been a traitor.

About an Old Hero. Senator Blaine instances Thaddeus Stevens as he utterer of more extraordinary witty sayings than probably any man ever known in Congress and says it is a pity the materials to write his life had not fallen into comprehensive hands. Sheriff Hymns.

The Philadelphia Bulletin says Talmage's church

is so much in debt that the music of "the sheriff hymns" will soon be heard. The *Bulletin* should be treated to a chair rubbing for abusing the English language in that manner. Not Enough Oyster.

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle, speaking of the small sum appropriated by the Senate educational bill, says: "It is only one oyster to a hundred acres

TEA CULTIVATION.

The New Farm in South Carolina-What is Said of the Enterprise. Commissioner Le Due and Hon. J. H. McGowan, member of the House Committee on Agriculture, have just returned from an extended tour in the Diamords, Southeastern States, undertaken in the interest of the Department of Agriculture. The main object of the Commissioner's trip was to look after the location and lease of a tract of land suitable for the purpose of propagating the Chinese tea plant | Travel's Clocks, Fancy Goods, and the cultivation of the same under climatic and other conditions of soil and rainfall, such as experience and observation has taught those who Folding Mirrors, Placques, have made the constitution and habits of the plant a study are essential to its profitable cultiva- Lamps. tion in this country.

The Commissioner's excursion embraced a visit to the tea farm now being cultivated under the auspices of his Department in Georgia and an incursion into the orange-growing regions of Florida. A great many tracts of land were examined, and much information touching soil, climate, rainfall, selection of the site for the new tea plantation was

The site chosen embraces a tract of 200 acres lying on the Ashley River, near Summerville, S. C., and not far distant from Charleston, and is -Some of the Virginia papers appear to be afraid | deemed by the Commissioner one of the most The land is a part of the old Governor Blake

place, so called from having been at one time the home of the colonial governor of that name. It is danger of a decision which would declare West | now the property of a public-spirited citizen named Virginia to be not legally a State, and thus deprive | Livingstone, a descendant of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and, to use the language of Commissioner Le Due, "as noble a -The United States now stands first in the list of specimen of cultivated and intelligent manhood

Mr. Livingstone asks the Government nothing for the use of the land for twenty years, and would 000 last year. At the same time, our purchases have executed a lease for a longer period had the from France are only \$2,000,000 greater than in Commissioner not deemed that a sufficient length 1875. The French government proposes to put a of time to demonstrate the practicability and profittariff on some. American imports. Petroleum is ableness of the cultivation of tea in the United States, and to propagate enough of the plants stock the country. It is the Commissioner's opinion that irrigation

cated that water can be artificially applied, if exor the profitableness thereof. Shade, it seems, is one of the essential elements

ance, yielding a fruit of considerable economic

tittle of his confidence in the eventual successful cultivation of tea in the United States, and confidently predicts that within the lifetime of the present generation tea will become one of the most extensive and profitable crops grown in this coun-FIVE AT A BIRTH.

Another County Heard from in Illinois The Father's Demand.

THE REPUBLICAN, which is always ready to print the woes and joys of mankind, and is recognized as their organ, has just received a very remarkable letter on the subject of the census from a valued contributor in Illinois. 'He writes as follows: MONTICELLO, PRATT COUNTY, ILL.,

December 20, 1880.

Editor National Republican: ture of my five babies, born September 18, 1889. I can gather, there is no other man can show a pic-ture of five; and if I am the only man that can do so, I think I am entitled to a premium. I am a wounded soldier of the late war. Yours respectfully, MICHAEL HAZZAND.

P. S.—Their weight, when born, averaged from three to five pounds; total, 19½ pounds. On the back of the picture, which we cannot reproduce, is the following: Born September 18, 1880, of Mrs. Aseneth Salina Hazzard, wife of Michael The wife was born at Little York, Washington County, Indiana, May 2, 1844. Michael Hazzard

ember 7, 1841; married October 1, 1863. Michael Hazzard enlisted in Company C, Thirtyeighth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, August 26, 1861, and was shot through the right shoulder at Perryville, Ky., October 8, 1862. Discharged December 31, 1862, and moved to Menticello, Pratt County, in 1866. Both Americans,

While Mr. Hazzard may be justly entitled to a premium, the facts of history show that he lags behind in the race. The prolific powers of some individuals among

mankind are very extraordinary. Instances have been found where children to the number of six, seven, eight, nine, and sometimes sixteen have

celebrated Tarsin was brought to bed in the seventh month at Argenteuil, near Paris, 17th of July, 1779, of three boys, each fourteen and a half inches long, and of a girl thirteen inches. They were all baptized, but did not live twenty-four hours. In June, 1799, one Maria Ruiz, of Lucena, in Andalusia, was successively delivered of sixteen boys, without any girls. Seven of them were alive on the 16th of August following.

In 1585 a Muscovite peasant named James Kyrloff and his wife were presented to the Empress of Russia. This peasant had been twice married, and was then seventy years of age. His first wife was brought to bed twenty-one times, namely, four times of four children each time, seven times of three, and ten times of two, making in all fifty-seven children, who were then alive. His second wife, who accompanied him, had been delivered seven times, once of three children, and six times of twins. Thus he had seventy-two children by his two marriages.

In view of the above statement, any future application of Mr. Hazzard on an improved numerical basis will receive prompt and careful consider-

Never since the cultivation of the orange tree became one of the leading industries of Florida has that section been visited by such extremely cold weather as that borne upon the Arctic wave which swept over the entire country within the past few days. Hence considerable interest has been manifested by persons here and elsewhere in the welfare of their investments in orange culture in the Land of Flowers.

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